

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A plate pair for use in a heat exchanger, said plate pair comprising:

a first plate having a first substantially planar central portion surrounded by a first peripheral edge portion, the peripheral edge portion including a substantially planar peripheral flange section having a first opening formed therein;

a second plate having a second substantially planar central portion spaced-apart from said first central portion and surrounded by a second peripheral edge portion having a second opening formed therein, one of the first and second openings being larger than the other of the first and second openings; and

braze material securing the peripheral flange section to the second peripheral edge portion of the second plate with the first and second openings in substantial alignment with each other,

wherein the substantially aligned first and second openings form a mounting opening for receiving a fastener for mounting said heat exchanger.

2. (Original) The plate pair of claim 1 wherein a perimeter of the first opening does not overlap with a perimeter of the second opening.

3. (Original) The plate pair of claim 1 wherein at least the first opening is circular.

4. (Previously presented) The plate pair of claim 3 wherein the mounting opening formed by the aligned first and second openings has an effective diameter equal to that of the first opening.